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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As below named inventors, we declare that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in this Declaration, that the information given herein is true, that we believe that we are the original, first and sole inventor if only one name is listed at 201 below, or a joint inventor if plural inventors are named below at 201 et seq., of the invention entitled: **BLOCKED MERCAPTOSILANE COUPLING AGENTS FOR FILLED RUBBERS**

which is described and claimed in:

☐ the attached specification or

☒ the specification in application Serial No. PCT/US98/17391, filed on 08/21/98.

that we acknowledge a duty to disclose information, including that which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the filing date of this application, that we are aware of which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56(a), that this application discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in part in our earlier copending application identified at 105 below, that as to the subject matter of this application which is common to said earlier filed application, we do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof, or more than one year prior to the date of said earliest application or provisional application(s), or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to the date of said earliest application or provisional application(s), that said common subject matter has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of said earliest application or provisional application(s) in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to the date of said earliest application or provisional application(s) and that no application for patent or for inventor's certificate on said common subject matter has been filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to the date of this application except as identified at 600, 601 and, as required, 602 below.

1	This application claims priority to co-pending, prior United States application: Serial No. <u>60/056,566</u> Filed <u>21 August, 1997</u> (DAY, MONTH, YEAR)
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6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No foreign applications filed on said common subject matter prior to the date of this application.
0	<input type="checkbox"/> Required information as to foreign applications filed on said common subject matter prior to the date of this application is at 601 below (and, if required, at 602 on page <u> </u> attached hereto and made a part hereof).
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EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION, IF ANY, FILED WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS PRIOR TO THE UNITED STATES FILING DATE OF THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED AT 105 ABOVE, AND ON WHICH PRIORITY IS CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119.		
601	COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER
	DATE OF FILING (DAY/MONTH/YEAR)	

That as to subject matter of this application which is not common to said earlier application, we do not know and do not believe that the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof, or more than one year prior to the earliest date of this application or the provisional application(s) identified below disclosing such subject matter, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to the earliest date of this application or the provisional application(s) identified below disclosing such subject matter, that said subject matter has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the earliest date of this application or the provisional application(s) identified below disclosing such subject matter in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by we or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to the earliest date of this application or the provisional application(s) identified below disclosing such subject matter and that as to applications for patent or inventor's certificate filed by we or our legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States of America on said subject matter, the earliest filed foreign application(s) filed within twelve months prior to the earliest filing date of this application or the provisional

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application(s) identified below disclosing such subject matter and all foreign applications filed more than twelve months prior to the filing date of this application are identified at 700, 701 and, as required, 702 below.

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701	LISTING OF EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE UNITED STATES FILING DATE OF THIS APPLICATION. LIST ALL APPLICATIONS FILED ON DATE OF FIRST FILING, IF MORE THAN ONE (1).			
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POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, we hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. (List name and registration number.) Timothy Witkowski - 40,232; Edward Welch - 30,899; and Andrew Reiskind - 35,992.

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We further declare that all statements made herein or my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.